

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of using a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) to provide travel expenses for an expense report, comprising:
 - determining a travel distance based on navigation data; and
 - associating the travel distance with a PDA expense report entry.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a travel distance based on navigation data includes:
 - identifying a starting location;
 - identifying an ending location;
 - calculating a route between the starting location and the ending location; and
 - determining the travel distance along the route between the starting location and the ending location.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - wirelessly transmitting the starting location and the ending location from the PDA to an external electronic device such that the external electronic device is capable of calculating the route and determining the travel distance; and
 - wirelessly transmitting the travel distance from the external device to the PDA.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of identifying a starting location and identifying an ending location includes using a waypoint to identify the location.
5. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of identifying a starting location and identifying an ending location includes using an address to identify the location.

6. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of identifying a starting location and identifying an ending location includes using a map feature to identify a location.

7. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of identifying a starting location and identifying an ending location includes manually entering coordinates.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of identifying a starting location and identifying an ending location includes manually selecting a location on an electronic map.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a travel distance based on navigation data includes:

identifying a first endpoint on a track log;

identifying a second endpoint on the track log; and

determining the travel distance along the track log between the first endpoint and the second endpoint.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising forming the track log by monitoring PDA travel.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein forming the travel log by monitoring PDA travel includes:

identifying PDA positions using global positioning system (GPS) technology over a period of time; and

forming a set of track log points for the track log by using at least some of the identified PDA positions.

12. The method of claim 10, further comprising storing the track log in a memory located in the PDA.
13. The method of claim 10, further comprising storing the track log in memory of an electronic device that is external to the PDA.
14. The method of claim 13, further comprising wirelessly transmitting the first endpoint, the second endpoint, and the track log to the electronic device such that the external device is capable of determining the travel distance along the track log between the first endpoint and the second endpoint.
15. The method of claim 1, wherein determining a travel distance based on navigation data includes:
identifying a starting location; and
monitoring travel from the starting location.
16. The method of claim 15, wherein:
identifying a starting location includes resetting a counter; and
monitoring travel from the starting location includes incrementing the counter.
17. The method of claim 15, wherein monitoring travel from the starting location includes monitoring a position of the PDA using global positioning system (GPS) technology.
18. The method of claim 15, wherein monitoring travel from the starting location includes receiving a signal from a vehicle odometer that indicates the distance traveled.

19. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
transmitting the travel distance associated with the PDA expense report entry
to an electronic system external to the PDA;
calculating a travel expense based on the travel distance transmitted to the
electronic system; and
creating an expense report that includes the travel expense.

20. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a travel expense based
on the travel distance, wherein associating the travel distance with a PDA expense
report entry includes associating the travel expense with the PDA expense report
entry for use in creating the expense report.

21. A method of using a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) to provide travel
expenses for an expense report, comprising:

selecting a procedure for determining a travel distance based on navigation
data, wherein the procedures for determining a travel distance include:

calculating a route between a starting location and an ending
location;

determining a distance along a track log between the starting location
and the ending location; and

incrementing a counter to monitor a distance traveled from the
starting location;

determining the travel distance based on navigation data using the selected
procedure; and

associating the travel distance with a PDA expense report entry.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein calculating a route between a starting
location and an ending location includes:

wirelessly transmitting the starting location and the ending location from the PDA to an external electronic device such that the external device is capable of calculating the route and determining the distance; and
wirelessly transmitting the distance from the external device to the PDA.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein determining a distance along a track log between the starting location and the ending location further comprises forming the track log by monitoring PDA travel.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein forming the travel log by monitoring PDA travel includes:

identifying PDA positions using global positioning system (GPS) technology over a period of time; and

forming a set of track log points for the track log by using at least some of the identified PDA positions.

25. The method of claim 21, wherein determining a distance along a track log between the starting location and the ending location further comprises storing the track log in a memory located in the PDA.

26. The method of claim 21, wherein determining a distance along a track log between the starting location and the ending location further comprises storing the track log in an electronic device memory that is external to the PDA.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein determining a distance along a track log between the starting location and the ending location further comprises wirelessly transmitting the first endpoint, the second endpoint, and the track log to the

electronic device such that the external device is capable of determining the distance along the track log between the first endpoint and the second endpoint.

28. The method of claim 21, further comprising resetting the counter to zero at the starting location.

29. The method of claim 21, further comprising monitoring a position of the PDA using global positioning system (GPS) technology to monitor the distance traveled from the starting location.

30. The method of claim 21, further comprising receiving a signal from a vehicle odometer that indicates the distance traveled to monitor the distance traveled from the starting location.

31. A Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) device with an integrated electronic map and expense report, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory adapted to communicate to the processor, the memory including navigation data, expense report data, and computer-executable instructions,

wherein the computer-executable instructions are adapted to identify a travel distance from the navigation data and associate the travel distance with the expense report data.

32. The PDA device of claim 31, wherein the memory includes a removable map data cartridge on which electronic map data is stored.

33. The PDA device of claim 31, wherein the device includes a transceiver adapted for transmitting and receiving wireless signals.

34. The PDA device of claim 31, further comprising a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver adapted to receive GPS signals, wherein the GPS receiver is adapted to communicate with the processor.

35. The PDA device of claim 31, wherein the computer-executable instructions adapted to identify a travel distance from the navigation data includes computer-executable instructions adapted to:

- identify a starting location;
- identify an ending location;
- calculate a route between the starting location and the ending location; and
- determine a distance along the route between the starting location and the ending location.

36. The PDA device of claim 31, wherein the computer-executable instructions adapted to identify a travel distance from the navigation data includes computer-executable instructions adapted to:

- identify a first endpoint on a track log;
- identify a second endpoint on a track log; and
- determine a distance along the track log between the first endpoint and the second endpoint.

37. The PDA device of claim 31, wherein the computer-executable instructions adapted to identify a travel distance from the navigation data includes computer-executable instructions adapted to:

- identify a starting location; and
- monitor travel from the starting location.